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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, instances weak. Demand into all channels was seasonally light to moderate, best for active retail ads and first of the month business. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair at best. Breast items were fully adequate to ample, and dark meat was readily available. Wings were mixed, ranging better balanced to fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 75.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on November 5, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.50
BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	91.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient with heavier sizes building. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best. Breast items were adequate to ample, wings were mixed, but obtainable, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as seasonally light to no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample, wings were fully adequate. Drums were available and competitively priced.

MIDWEST REGION Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady, instances weak. Offerings were light to at times moderate, overall more limited than previous trading period. Buyer interest was mostly light, occasionally fairly good with a few distributors reporting being shorted on all sizes of Wogs. Demand was light to moderate for the first of the month, best movement noted for retail features. Retail features noted on whole fryers at 79 cents, roasters at \$1.29; boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.99 and \$1.59; split breast at \$1.69 and 99 cents; thighs at \$1.99, boneless thighs at \$1.89; leg quarters at 49 cents; rotisserie chicken at \$6.99 and \$3.99; eight piece fried chicken at \$6.99 and \$5.99; 9.5 oz. popcorn chicken and breast strips at \$2.99 and \$2.79; ground chicken \$2.00. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade remained generally very light with wings gaining better interest and clearance. Offerings of all parts were moderate and fully available; wings more balanced than previous trading period. Market tone was steady on thighs, about steady with a weak undertone on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample overall with whole body product less than 3 pounds in the closest position. Buyers' focused on immediate needs with interest in additional product very slow to develop. Retailer demand was only moderate. Floor stocks generally adequate to instances heavier than desired.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 10/30/04		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2004	2003	
EGGS SET	197,817	192,346	+03
CHICKS PLACED	166,650	160,094	+04

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 30, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 30, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 30, 2004 were 7.55 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Dec-04 is estimated at 152.6 million head. This compares to 151.4 million head the previous week and to 147.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.01 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 03, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	685	107.00-185.00	115-120	121.26	BREAST - B/S	735	105.00-185.00	110-120	118.23
TENDERLOINS	300	95.00-195.00	100-110	117.42	TENDERLOINS	335	95.00-195.00	95-100	111.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	72.00-94.00	75-78	76.38	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	72.00-94.00	75-78	76.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	74	27.00-50.00	28-30	31.45	LEGS	78	28.00-50.00	29-30	31.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	551	24.00-29.00	24-26	25.52	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	551	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.74	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	70.00-87.00	-	82.23	WINGS (WHOLE)	299	70.00-78.00	-	72.53
WINGS (CUT)	435	85.00-103.00	100-103	100.45	WINGS (CUT)	600	85.00-103.00	-	98.43
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 43.50		40.23			36.50-42.50		38.69		39.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was generally light to fair at best for mid-week trading. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, barely steady on wings and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **NOVEMBER 02, 2004**

CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	130	124.48	793,000		BREAST - B/S	125-130	125.61	702,760	
TENDERLOINS	105-110	111.21	175,760		TENDERLOINS	105-110	119.93	179,800	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	79.72	117,000		BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	79.61	97,760	
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	70.09	105,360		BREAST - LINE RUN	70	70.66	117,040	
LEGS	42-43	34.76	260,080		LEGS	42-43	33.99	281,112	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	31.38	519,200		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.82	175,971	
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	30.42	188,890		DRUMSTICKS	25-26	34.84	68,720	
THIGHS	24-25	40.68	57,890		THIGHS	24-25	35.96	62,440	
B/S THIGHS	75-76	69.34	126,440		B/S THIGHS	75-76	74.35	38,320	
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	97.44	93,260		WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	94.63	108,240	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.64	24,600		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.52	35,360	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.15	21,920		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.44	15,080	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.85	24,160		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.04	22,360	

***** INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,988	4,098	3,958	4,041	5.25	5.05	3,871	5.30		
Arkansas	5,507	5,448	5,229	6,037	5.15	4.99	5,241	5.22		
Delmarva	2,232	2,226	2,242	2,202	5.71	5.58	2,264	5.74		
KY-LA-TN	2,111	2,081	2,102	2,154	5.26	4.84	2,088	5.14		
Mississippi	3,057	3,024	2,841	3,326	5.54	5.73	3,055	5.62		
North Car	2,540	2,303	2,473	2,615	6.44	6.38	2,495	6.49		
Texas	2,525	2,507	2,476	3,101	5.19	5.08	2,479	5.22		
Total	21,960	21,687	21,321	23,476	5.45	5.31	21,493	5.48		
Mon-Wed	65,410(A)						65,205(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Nov-04 is estimated to be 32,855,000 head up 1.87 percent from a week ago and up 3.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,252,000, last year 31,820,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		67-68
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-106
	DRY PACK	106-110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Nov-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/06/04 (1)	10/30/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,315 (2)	167,101
Light hens	1,557	1,209
Heavy hens	1,447	1,511
Total	169,319	169,821

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Nov-04 is 162.0 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 4.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Nov-04 the estimated available is 159.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/01/04	138,953	65,304
AM 10/01/04	182,984	58,076
CHG	-44,031	7,228
PCT CHG	-24	12

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/01/04	10/25/04	11/03/03	11/01/04	10/25/04	11/03/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	10,524	12,403	16,849	6,454	6,145	3,668
LOS ANGELES	112	113	358	3,512	3,327	1,639

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	72-74
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	74-83

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/02/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.50	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.01
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	.85	.52	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	3.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	.85	.67	RABBITS ea.	-	.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	46					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 29, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	68.63	109.81	70.59	11.77	7.84	45.89
High	70.20	117.66	82.36	23.53	11.77	45.89
Mostly	69.42	117.66	74.52	15.69	9.80	45.89

SAN JUAN

Low	69.42	109.81	70.59	11.77	9.80	47.06
High	70.59	121.58	86.28	23.53	13.73	47.06
Mostly	69.42	117.66	78.44	19.61	11.77	47.06

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	68.63	113.74	74.52	15.69	7.84	46.28
High	70.20	121.58	86.28	23.53	11.77	46.28
Mostly	69.42	117.66	78.44	23.53	9.80	46.28

BECERRA

Low	69.42	117.66	78.44	15.69	11.77	47.06
High	70.20	129.42	86.28	23.53	15.69	47.06
Mostly	69.42	121.58	82.36	19.61	11.77	47.06

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast cuts were fully adequate to ample for current conditions. Drums, large wings, and in some instances leg quarters were competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	57-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.74
NO. OF BOXES	7,199

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